



By the King.

A Proclamation for reliefe of the subiect that
might be otherwise damnified by the late burning of Records in the
Sixe Clarkes Office.



The Kings most Excellent Maiestie, graciously and tenderly considering the manifold inconveniences, that might happen to many of his loving Subjects, by meanes of a dangerous and sodaine fire, that of late consumed, not onely all the buildings and roomes belonging to the Office of sixe Clarkes of the high Court of Chancery, but also many Bills, Answers, and other pleadings, together with the depositions of witnesses and decrees concerning his sayde Subjects; and likewise diuers patent rolles, warrants, and other Records remayning in that Office; And desiring in his great and princely goodnes, not only to devise all possible meanes to releue and helpe his sayd Subjects, but also to giue notice thereof, whereby every person, whom the same doth concerne, may readily make resort where they may partake of the benefits of his most gracious and royall providence, doth hereby publish and declare. That all such Bills, Answers, Pleadings and depositions (the Records and Originals whereof were burnt, as aforesayd) shall at the request of such person and persons, whom the same doth any way concerne, producing any exemplification or authentique copy thereof under the hand of the Court, be againe written out, filed and recorded. And for such depositions whereof no copies were made, either in respect that the same were not published, or otherwise Certioraries shall be awarded, at the desire of any person or persons whom the same doth concerne, unto the Commissioners, in whose hands the originals of the sayd depositions doe remaine, to certifie the same againe into the sayd Court of Chancery, there to remayne of record. And where any depositions, taken in any suit not yet determined, haue bene burnt, as aforesayd, and cannot be renewed by any the meanes aforesayd; in such case the Lord Keeper of the Great Seale of England, or our sayd Court of Chancery, vpon vnderstanding of the nature and state of the businesse, may giue such order as to Justice shall appertaine, for the reliefe of the party grieved, by ordering a new examination of witnesses, or otherwise, as shall bee fit. And where any Decrees, or Inrolments of Decrees, haue bene burnt, as aforesayd, That in every such case, at the request of such person and persons, whom the same doth any way concerne, producing any exemplification of the sayd Decree, or any writ, De executione Decreti, the sayd Decree shall be new written, and inrolled. And that all inrolments of patents burnt, as aforesayd, shall at the request of any person or persons whom the same doth concerne (produ-

King the originall patent, or any exemplification or Constat thereof, and upon view of the originall Bill or Warrant under the Signet or Prinee Seale, remayning either in the Signet Office, or elsewhere, and upon view of the bookes of controulment, remayning in the custody of the Clarke of the Hamper, or elsewhere, be newly written, entred, and inrolled of Record. And his Maiesties Will and pleasure is, and the sayd Sir Clarkes haue assented, that for the writing, ingrossing, entering, or inrolling of any the premisses by them or any of their Clarkes, or for doing any thing in the premisses by them or any of their Clarkes, no fees or rewards shall be taken, but the same shalbe done gratis, without fee. And his Maiesties further Will and pleasure is, and he doth heerby require and authorize, aswell the Lord Keeper of the great Seale of England, as the Master of the Rolles, and either of them in their severall places, to see the premisses duely performed, and to settle, quiet, and reconcile all such ambiguities, doubts, and questions, as shall arise concerning the due execution and performance of the premisses, in such sort, as they in their wisdomes and good discretions shall finde it meet. Neuerthelesse, his Maiestie doth declare, that it is not his purpose or intention, that any shall take benefit of this his Princely grace and Royall providence, but such onely as shall desire and request the same on this side and before the tenth day of July, now next ensuing.

Given at Our Palace at Westminster the seuenth day of Ianuary, in the nineteenth yeere of Our Reigne of Great Britaine, France, and Ireland.

God saue the King.

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